

NEW PROCEDURES FOR OMNIBUS OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS

Where the Debtor (or Creditors' Committee) files an Omnibus Objection to Claims, the following procedures will apply:

1. If the Objection is on a non-substantive basis that is clearly apparent from the claims docket (i.e., duplicate claims, amended or superseded claims, late-filed claims), copies of the proofs of claim need not be provided to the Court.
2. Where the Objection is that the proof of claim does not contain any invoices or other documents supporting the claim, a declaration to that effect (together with a hard copy of the proof of claim) shall be filed with the Court at the time the Objection is filed.
3. Where the Objection is based on substantive grounds, the Objection must include a declaration giving sufficient detail of the specific objection to each claim.
4. At least 48 hours before the hearing on an objection based on substantive grounds, a Notice of Submission of Copies of Proofs of Claim is to be electronically filed stating that copies of the claims together with all their attachments have been delivered to Chambers with the hearing binder and that copies can be requested from the Debtor's attorneys.
5. Any claimant may participate pro se and telephonically in a hearing on the Objection to proofs of claim by calling Chambers at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing time. If more than one party is appearing, the Debtor's local counsel shall conference all interested parties and place one call to the Court.
6. Where a hearing on an objection to a claim will involve substantial time, the Court may schedule it for a separate hearing date.